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SUBJECT: COUNTERVAILING DUTY INVESTIGATION - FLOAT GLASS

REF: BRUSSELS 5460 AND BRUSSELS 5486

1. AS RESULT OF FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION WITH MFA THIS WEEK,  
BELGIAN GOVERNMENT HAS VOLUNTEERED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION JUST  
RECEIVED.

NEW DATA CONCERNS THEORETICAL MAXIMA OF ASSISTANCE WHICH CAN BE  
GRANTED UNDER REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PLUS SOME

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REFINEMENT OF EARLIER EXPORT STATISTICS.

2. PRINCIPAL NEW POINTS MADE BY COVERING NOTE ARE:

(A) NEITHER OF TWO FLOAT GLASS MANUFACTURERS HAVE RECEIVED TOTAL AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE THEORETICALLY AVAILABLE (MFA HES INFORMALLY AND VERBALLY TOLD US AID RECEIVED WAS BETWEEN 50 AND 70 PERCENT OF TOTAL POSSIBLE).

(B) THUS, EFFECT OF ASSISTANCE ON TRADE, ALREADY WEAK EVEN ON THEORETICAL BASIS, IS IN REALITY EVEN LESS SIGNIFICANT.

3. MOST IMPORTANT PARAGRAPH OF NEW DATE READS AS FOLLOWS (INFORMAL TRANSLATION): " IN THE CASE OF THE TWO COMPANIES AFFECTED BY THE COMPLAINT, LEGAL REGIONAL AID IS, IN CURRENT NET EQUIVALENT, INFERIOR TO THE FOLLOWING THEORETICAL MAXIMA:

(A) INTEREST RATE REDUCTION OR CAPITAL SUBSIDY- 7.6 PERCENT.

(B) EXONERATION OF REAL ESTATE TAX - 1.1 PERCENT

(C) ACCELERATED DEPRECIATION - 4.3 PERCENT

(D) EXEMPTION FROM TAX ON CAPITAL SHARES - 1.1 PERCENT"

(E) TOTAL - 14.1 PERCENT

4. PAPER FURTHER STATES THAT ABOVE " PURELY THEORETICAL CALCULATION" PREDICATED ON BASIS OF FULL THREE YEAR GRANT OF INTEREST RATE REDUCTION, AND FULL FIVE YEAR EXONERATION OF REALTY TAX, A LEVEL OF ASSISTANCE NOT RPT NOT ACCORDED TO EITHER FIRM. SPREAD OVER MINIMUM PERIOD (10 YEARS) OF DEPRECIATION OF THE CAPITAL GOODS THUS SUBSIDIZED, THEORETICAL ANNUAL INCIDENCE OF AID DOES NOT EXCEED 1.4 PERCENT.

5. BELGIANS HAVE ALSO REFINED EXPORT DATA TRANSMITTED BRUSSELS 5486. TO AVOID MISUNDERSTANDING, WE ARE TRANSMITTING EXPLANATION IN FRENCH AS FOLLOWS:

"A TITRE DE PRECISION DES INFORMATIONS COMMUNIQUEES " IN FINE" DE LA PREMIERE NOTE DOCUMENTAIRE EN CE QUI CONCERNE LES EXPORTATIONS BELGE DE VERRE PLAT, IL A PARU UTILE DE DONNER LES CHIFFRES, NON SYSTEMATIQUEMENT PUBLIES, DES TONNAGES EXPORTES PAR L 'U.E.B.L. AU COURS DES TROIS DERNIERES ANNEES POUR LA POSITION STATISTIQUE 70.06.99, SOUS- POSITION DE LA RUBRIQUE 70.06.B., QUI COMPREND "LE VERRE COULE OU LAMINE ET "VERRE A VITRES" NON ARMES, AUTRES QUE SIMPLEMENT DURCI, AUTRES QUE VERRE ATHERMANE ET ANTI-RADIATION (CETTE SOUS- POSITION UNCLASSIFIED

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ENGLOBE LE VERRE " FLOTTE").

6. NEW TABLE IS AS FOLLOWS:

1972	0/0	1973	0/0	1974	0/0	1975	0/0
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TOTAL	163.964	100	146,810	100	124,867	100	24,453	100
TO EC	111,089	67.8	112,842	76.9	81,889	65.6	14,359	58.5

TO US 13,340 8.1 3,759 2.6 2,041 1.6 75 0.3

ON BASIS INDEX 1972 ; 100 :

TOTAL	1972	1973	1974
TOTAL	100	90	76
TO EC	100	102	74
TO US	100	28	15

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